

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES  
Monday, July 18, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Council met in Council Chambers. If not fully vaccinated, please wear a mask.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Ron Jones, followed by the invocation. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Eric Bassett made a motion to amend the agenda to include Resolution 2022-08, seconded by Taylor Klepper. All voted yes.

Roll Call was read with the following persons in attendance: Mayor Ron Jones; Council Members Eric Bassett, Taylor Klepper, Ron Beverly, Charlie Martin, Toni Egly and Mike Barth; Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith, Solicitor Troy Essex, and Administrator Cory Wann.

Minutes from the July 5<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting were presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Charlie Martin. Bassett, Klepper, Beverly, Barth and Martin voted yes. Egly abstained.

A list of bills to be paid was presented. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Eric Bassett. Beverly, Bassett, Klepper, Martin, and Egly voted yes. Barth abstained.

Erika Willitzer from the Defiance Co CIC did not appear. Her appointment was moved to the first meeting in August.

**Boards & Commissions: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING announced.**

**The Board of Zoning Appeals** will meet August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4 pm in council chambers to discuss a setback variance application for 800 East High Street, Lot 36, Auditors Plat.

**Council Committees:**

The **Water/Sewer Committee** met July 14<sup>th</sup> - no minutes available.

The **Personnel Committee** met July 5<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> - no minutes available.

The **Finance Committee** met July 27<sup>th</sup> - no minutes available.

*NOTE: All committee meeting minutes are available in their entirety in the Fiscal Officer's office at 111 South Main Street, Hicksville or by email request to [hixcs@defnet.com](mailto:hixcs@defnet.com). All council meetings are shown on YouTube and minutes are on the website.*

**Administrator's Report:** no written report. Wann asked the mayor to recommend hiring Dalton Gordon (Gordon Water Treatment) to become our Operator of Record. He has a Class I water license and a Class II wastewater license. He would work on a contractor basis, not as a village employee. He would be hired to complete the required number of hours on site and to submit all required testing and reports for the EPA. His rate will be \$50.00 per hour. The mayor made the recommendation to council. Ron Beverly made a motion to accept the recommendation, seconded by Taylor Klepper. All voted yes.

Wann would like to hire a full-time person who would replace Troy Sargent at the water plant when he retires. He would also like to hire a second full-time person who would learn all aspects of the village, including streets, water and wastewater and be available to all three.

Other business:

“ODOT route” to be removed - viaduct project is complete.

Gerken has been spot paving.

Van Crest has put in a road cut across Defiance Avenue to hook into our sewer line.

The Recycle Lot will have new hours/days beginning in August. Tuesday and Thursday 1 to 6 pm and Saturday 9 to 1.

Ron Beverly asked about the manhole covers. Wann told him Hohenbrink will be back.

**Solicitor's Report:**

Final reading of **Ordinance 2022-07** authorizing the Fiscal Officer to transfer funds from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Toni Egly. All voted yes.

Second reading of **Resolution 2022-07** to sell Lot 55 of Edgerton's First Addition.

First reading of **Resolution 2022-08** to donate 2 sets of bleachers to Auglaize Village. Eric Bassett made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Taylor Klepper. All voted yes.

Second and final reading of Resolution 2022-08. Mike Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Taylor Klepper. All voted yes. This resolution will be in effect in 30 days.

**Department Heads:**

**Police Chief:** *Denning reported the department has had a vehicle forfeiture. It is a 2012 Dodge Durango in decent shape, but the disposition has not been decided yet. It may be used by the department in some capacity.*

**Fire/EMS Chief:** *Cramer was absent. No report. (Note: change to July 5<sup>th</sup> minutes - Travis Phillips should be Travis Stratton who is taking the FF II class).*

**Park Director:** *Val Shull was absent. No report.*

**Fiscal Officer Report:** The following reports were submitted to Council:  
Fund Status Report / Fund Summary Report (Revenue and Expenditures)

**Mayor's Report:**

The Huber Summer Concert Series continues Thursday from 7 to 9 featuring Christina Adams.

Congratulations to Logan Neidhardt, a Hicksville alumnus, has signed with the Ohio Force in the MLFB League.

Taylor Klepper asked if anyone has thoughts about the DORA area for downtown Hicksville. A short discussion took place about the rules, area involved and how it would actually work. Pastor Steve Evers asked to speak and was recognized. He said he feels adults being able to walk around carrying alcoholic beverages sets a bad example for young people. He would not be for it.

Klepper also asked about council involvement with the proposed splash pad and walking trail. Apparently, the Hicksville Foundation needs council to make a decision so they can proceed. Ron Beverly said he wants the village to take the free ride being provided by the area Foundation. The pool is very old and needs to be replaced. Klepper said that is not the case. The pool is not being done by the Foundation as previously reported. Council members Barth and Egly both said they were under the opinion the Foundation was doing everything in one large project. Klepper said no, the Foundation is undertaking a splashpad only. Eric Bassett reminded council that (1) the pool is being patched constantly, (2) the company that usually does it won't do it anymore and (3) the liner is \$53,000.00 plus and will only work if the underside is ok. The mayor said if the pool needs to be replaced by the village it has to begin with the Finance Committee. He asked Bassett to set up a meeting soon.

Eric Bassett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Charlie Martin. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

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Mayor

Fiscal Officer